



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, in the year 1926, Mr. Carter G. Woodson founded Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in American Life; and*

*WHEREAS, in order to carry on the tradition Mr. Woodson began, Black History Month is observed to inform and educate our communities about the history of black men and women and the contributions they have made to American life and culture; and*

*WHEREAS, the Mountain Home Community Black History Committee, created to commemorate and carry on this tradition, is celebrating its 14<sup>th</sup> year of existence; and*

*WHEREAS, the Mountain Home Community Black History Committee welcomes the Reverend Ronald Myers Senior M.D., chairman of the National Juneteenth Observance foundation as their keynote speaker; and*

*WHEREAS, the members of this committee, by name, include Joe and Mildred McNeal, Clarence and Annie Joseph, Aaron and Dee Thomas, Rosella Moore, and William and Darlene Watson, and are commended for their fourteen years of service to the Mountain Home community and the State of Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, the Mountain Home Community Black History Committee is dedicated to the principle of fostering civic, economic and educational programs throughout the State of Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Black History Month is "Freedom isn't Free in today's Society"; and*

*WHEREAS, each year during Black History Month, we explore the history and culture of Black Americans, and we discover anew a treasure of history about the triumph of the human spirit; and*

*WHEREAS, this untold history is not only an important part of Black history, but an essential part of American history; and*

*WHEREAS, it is fitting that we set aside a special time to acknowledge this important segment of citizens of our state and their history;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2002, to be*

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

*in Idaho, and I encourage all citizens to be aware of important contributions made by black citizens throughout our great state and thank them for the part they play in our society.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.*

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

PETE T. CENARRUSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE